

## HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**DATE:** October 8, 2019  
**LOCATION:** Kendall County Highway Department  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Scott Gryder, Amy Cesich, Matt Kellogg, Judy Gilmour,  
and Matt Prochaska  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Ginger Gates and Fran Klaas  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Kelly Farley, Ryan Sikes, PJ Fitzpatrick, Greg Chismark, and  
Jarrod Cebulski

The committee meeting convened at 3:30 P.M. with roll call of committee members. All present. Quorum established.

Motion Prochaska; second Kellogg, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Cesich; second Gilmour, to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from September 10, 2019. Motion approved unanimously.

Klaas provided an update of highway and bridge projects that were completed in 2019, as well as those that were not completed in 2019. Gryder inquired about the hold up on the Grove Road bridge improvement near Van Dyke Road. Klaas stated that National Park Service continued to delay this project, which should have gone to bid 2 years ago. An inquiry had been filed with Lauren Underwood's office over 6 months ago. Prochaska suggested a county board resolution might help. Cesich asked about Mill Road, and Klaas reported that project was completed and in good shape. Committee discussed high water in the Fox River and the difficulty it continues to present in getting the Millington Bridge fixed.

Gryder asked about the new app available for traffic signals on Orchard Road. That information is now available to the consumer to give them information about signal timing as they approach traffic signals. Klaas discussed some of the current and future uses of this technology, including the plan to incorporate the technology into new vehicles in the near future.

Gryder reported that Kane County is placing fiber optic facilities along certain rights-of-way on some new projects. Kelly Farley confirmed this and provided some additional information on Kane's efforts. Cesich discussed the need for data centers as technology advanced in urban areas and the fact that these centers are getting assistance at the federal level. Klaas thought that this might be feasible on new corridors where fiber could be installed as part of the overall project; but didn't think it would make sense on maintenance-type projects. He also had concerns about whether fiber installation would be MFT eligible. Committee suggested getting more information from Kane County on their ongoing efforts.

Under Other Business, Gryder discussed the realignment of Ashley Road and Minkler Road in the vicinity of Illinois Route 126. Route 126 is a State Highway, Minkler Road is a Kendall Township Highway, and Ashley Road is a City of Yorkville Street. Kendall County has no jurisdiction of any of the roadways in this area. Realigning the roads would be very expensive, and Kendall Road District was not interested in participating in the expense. Klaas reported that

he thought the idea of consolidating these roadways was not a new concept, and may have been part of the County's Comprehensive Transportation Plan years ago. But without funding, the connection of these two roadways would likely not occur until development from Yorkville extended out to this location, and development helped pay for it. Additionally, Minkler Road and Ashley Road, with their close proximity to Route 47 and Route 71, are not intended to be a major arterial, but rather just a local collector. Prochaska pointed out that connecting the roads could lead to a significant increase in thru-traffic, and committee agreed that the County would probably not want to sponsor that, or look into it further.

Motion Gilmour; second Kellogg to forward Highway Department bills for the month of October in the amount of \$1,287,846.16 to the Finance Committee for approval. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Motion Prochaska; second Gilmour to adjourn the meeting at 4:06 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis C. Klaas", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Francis C. Klaas, P.E.  
Kendall County Engineer